

rest of the State at large would be enhanced by dividing the Supreme Court into three branches: one in the Eastern, one in the Middle and one in the Western portion of the State.

A bill to provide for the withdrawal of security on official bonds; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Moffett, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Van Derlip offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That if the House of Representatives concur, the Legislature will adjourn on the 22d day of the present month, until Monday, the first day of January ensuing.

On motion of Mr. Cooke, the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 14th, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pense, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Trout, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the State, recommended that the committee on Printing be instructed to contract for the printing of — copies of said report for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Bexar Manufacturing Company, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Phillips, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to repeal the 1st section of an act supplementary to an act regulating the sale of runaway slaves, approved 27th January, 1841, reported a substitute therefor and recommended its passage.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of James M. Manning, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of the owner of a certain Austin city lot, reported that the committee deemed it inexpedient

to pass the resolution, as, in their opinion, any and all sales of the lots, belonging to the State, should be sold at public auction after due advertisement of the same, they, therefore, recommended its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Federal Relations, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Austin, Dec. 13, 1849.

To the Hon. President of the Senate:

The committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred a joint resolution providing for the mutual surrender of persons therein mentioned by the Governments of the United States and Mexico, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report that the subject is one of paramount importance as well to the Government of Mexico as to that of the United States; it is demanded by the principles of justice as well as the promotion of the harmony and good feelings of the citizens of each country, residing along and near the extensive line that separate the two Republics. Entertaining this view of the subject, the committee report the bill back to the Senate, with amendments, and recommend their adoption and the passage of the bill. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Amendment 1st: in last line of preamble, strike out "absconders" and insert "persons held in bondage."

Amendment 2d: insert, in second line, after the words "Senators" "*be instructed.*"

Amendment 3d: strike out the word "requested" in 2d line of the second section and insert "instructed."

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding an election for the permanent location of the seat of Government of the State, returned the same to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred a joint resolution authorizing the procurement of a slab of native marble of the required dimensions to be placed in the national monument, being built in the city of Washington, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Portis, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the

Austin College, approved November — , 1819, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Latimer introduced a bill to provide for the collection of the uncollected taxes assessed for and due the late Republic of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Van Derlip introduced a bill supplementary to an act incorporating the Western Texas Orphan Asylum; read first time.

Mr. Ward introduced a bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish and incorporate the College of DeKalb, approved January 26, 1839; read first time.

Mr. Phillips offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate elect a Sergeant-at-arms pro. tem., on Saturday, the 15th inst.; laid on the table one day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to authorize the several clerks of the county courts in the State of Texas to take the separate acknowledgment of married women to deeds executed by them; read third time and passed.

A bill to make valid the acts of Thomas R. Hill as clerk of the District Court in the county of Titus; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution for the relief of John Barton; read third time and passed.

A bill creating the county of Ellis, together with the report of the committee on County boundaries offering an amendment thereto, was read; amendment adopted, and bill passed to the third reading.

A bill to authorize holders of head-right certificates, bounty warrants or land scrip to have the same surveyed in three or more lots, together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims offering a substitute therefor, was read; substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had passed a joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Wm. Mockford;

Also, the following bills which originated in the Senate, viz: A bill authorizing and requiring the Governor to subscribe, on behalf of the State, for 1500 copies of a digest of the laws of Texas proposed to be published by O. C. Hartley, Esq., with an amendment;

A bill to amend the 53d section of the act to organize justices' courts, and define the powers and jurisdiction of the same, approved March 20, 1848; and,

A bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a head-right certificate to A. S. Cunningham;

Also, that the House had appointed Messrs. Holland, Bee, Sterne, Dickson and Crump of Bexar a committee to make suitable arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, and request the appointment of a like committee, on the part of the Senate, to act in conjunction with them. The Senate concurred in the request, and Messrs. Moffett, Davis and Ward were appointed said committee.

The report of the majority of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the executors of D. L. Richardson, was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Kinney, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Ward, Walker and Wallace—12.

Nay: Messrs. Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Taylor, Truit and Van Derlip—8.

Mr. Pease moved to lay the report of the minority of the committee on the table; lost.

Mr. Robertson moved to reject the report of the minority.

The yeas and nays being called, stood thus:

Yea: Messrs. Cooke, Gage, Kinney, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Ward, Walker and Wallace—11.

Nay: Messrs. Davis, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Taylor, Truit and Van Derlip—9; carried.

The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to a bill authorizing and requiring the Governor to subscribe, on behalf of the State, for 1500 copies of a digest of the laws of Texas proposed to be published by O. C. Hartley, Esq.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, transmitting the following communication from the Governor with the report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Austin, Dec 14, 1849.
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the years 1848 and 1849.

This important paper has been necessarily delayed to the present moment for reasons stated in my message at the opening of the session.

I have had only time to give it a hurried examination, and

consequently submit it to the Legislature without any suggestion of my own, confident, at the same time, that it will prove full and satisfactory, and embody many suggestions entitled to great weight as the results of the reflection of an experienced and able public officer.

The Honorable the House will be pleased to adopt such convenient method as it may think proper to place the Honorable the Senate in possession of the information herewith communicated.

I have the honor to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

GEO. T. WOOD.

The report of the Comptroller was read, and, on motion of Mr. Truit, referred to the committee on Finance.

The resolution offered by Mr. Grimes, on yesterday, relative to a division of the Supreme Court, was read, and, by leave, Mr. Grimes withdrew it.

A bill to prescribe the mode of adoption was read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill creating the county of Tarrant, together with the report of the committee on County Boundaries offering an amendment thereto, was read; report adopted, and bill passed to the third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the public printing, approved March 8, 1848; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Latimer, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to establish permanently the seat of justice of Leon county; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to sell certain lots in the city of Austin; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs and assignees of Benjamin D. Nobles, deceased; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to amend an act regulating fees of office, approved March 20, 1848; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the Texana Academy; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill making an appropriation to defray the expense incurred in publishing the proposed amendments to the constitution; read

second time, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to amend the 6th and 34th sections of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts, approved May 13, 1846; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Hart, referred to the Judiciary committee.

Joint resolution, relative to extending the jurisdiction of the State of Texas over a certain portion of Red River; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

A bill to amend the 17th section of the act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved March 20, 1848; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on Finance.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims, on the petition of B. J. Thompson, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred, together with the accompanying documents, to the committee on Public Lands.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Wm. Mockford; read first time.

Resolution offered, on yesterday, by Mr. Van Derlip, relative to an adjournment from 22d inst. to 1st January next; read, and, on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, laid on the table until the 17th instant.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 15, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Truit presented the petition of James Wagstaff, Administrator of William H. Malone; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Truit, referred, with the accompanying documents, to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cooke presented the petition of S. G. Norvell; which was,